Adjournment Motions.

(1) *Re. fraud in the preparation of Electoral Rolls for Nalleppilly and Kozhinjampara Panchayats.*

Mr. President: I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Mr. A. Eachara Menon, "under S. O. 13, I give notice of an adjournment motion for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the fraud perpetrated in the preparation of voters' lists for election of members to Nalleppilly and Kozhinjampara panchayats."

How does that motion come under this Standing Order?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Members of the panchayat are elected by the people. I can prove that fraud has been perpetrated.

Mr. President: For one thing, the motion is not properly worded because it presumes that a fraud has been perpetrated, but apart from that, the preparation of the voters' lists is a matter of procedure under the administrative procedure of Government and any grievance on such an act cannot form the subject matter of an adjournment motion. I think the election rules also make ample provision for correcting any mistake or fraud in the preparation of electoral rolls and remedies can be had under that provision. I therefore rule the motion out of order.

(2) *Re. arrest of Mr. I. Govinda Menoki by the Travancore Excise Officers.*

Mr. President: Mr. A. V. Moothedan has given notice of a motion to the following effect: "The unlawful arrest, by the Travancore Excise Officers, of Mr. I. Govinda Menoki, B. A., B. L., a Vakil practising at Ernakulam while he was going from Ernakulam to Chowghat on the 19th November, 1938, because he was found reading in the boat, 'The Indian Express', a daily newspaper published from Madras, which it appears is proscribed in Travancore."

The motion raises a question of the conduct of the officials of a neighbouring State.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): What I am concerned, Sir, is that one of the most valuable thing, the civil liberty of a person to read any newspaper he likes, has been obstructed. The Travancore Government have restrained him from exercising his personal liberty. That is a very valuable right and we must defend it.

Mr. President: Did they prevent you from exercising that right in our State?

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